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GOD'S LOVE

FAMILY DAY

Rev. W. R. Pettitt

This Sunday morning we all are here—
Mother and father and children dear—
To commemorate this Family Day
And tribute to our loved ones pay.

Our voices will blend in song and praise
As we behold our Savior's face,
And see His smile and beckoning hand
And hear Him say, "I understand."

Long years ago, whether rain or shine,
In an old-fashioned wagon we all would climb
And start for church while the old bell would ring;
"God bless this family," our hearts would sing.

And then at church, up the aisle we'd go,
Father and mother and Sally and Joe,
And then I'd follow close behind,
Into the family pew where home ties bind.

Our heads we'd bow and we would pray,
"Lord bless this family this Sabbath Day."
Ahead were the Smiths, behind were the Lowes;
Each family together almost filled a row.

Now let us return from Memory's Hill,
And this Sunday morning, our family pew fill.
And smile and sing and let God bless,
And pray for the end of this world-wide mess.

That the pictures on the piano, not only we'll see,
But Bob and Bill and Harry will be
In the sacred and blessed family pew,
With father, mother, Sally, Joe, and me.

THE GROUND OF



"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24:15b.

EPH 2:20

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NOTES From My LETTERS

By
J. H. WALKER
General Overseer

We bought a nice parsonage here January 15 for \$1,800. Pray for us.—J. C. Pinion, pastor, Switzer, West Virginia.

We set a Y.P.E. in order at Burk, Idaho, February 8. Two were saved and one sanctified that night. We had a splendid service at Wallace, Idaho, with a good offering for the orphans and for missions. Pray for us.—Floyd A. Boger, Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent of Idaho.

We read your request for prayer and special prayer meetings for our boys in the Service and thought that we would let you know that we, too, have felt the great need of this and have special prayer services every week since the Assembly. We have a special prayer list, and forty-two names have been added. So far, there have been none killed or wounded to our knowledge.—Mrs. D. G. Phillips, Findlay, Ohio.

Note: Everyone should take special interest in remembering our people that are in the Armed Forces—both members and friends of the Church.—J. H. Walker.

Revival in Jefferson, Iowa with eight saved, two sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost.—J. R. Berry, evangelist.

North Carolina

In a great revival here at Selma with Brother W. C. Lambert, of Charlotte, doing the preaching. Twenty have been saved, six sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost in seven nights, and eight have been added to the church this month. Revival still going (February 28).—E. H. Babb, Selma, North Carolina.

Tampa district Y.P.E. and Sunday School convention received \$135 for the orphans. This represents one day's offering.—James A. Smith, pastor, Tampa, Fla.

TELEGRAM

Great revival now in progress here with Dunn Trio in charge. Thirty-five saved, five sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. A number added to the Church. Can't accommodate all the crowds. — V. D. Combs, pastor, Wilmington, N. C.

Evangel Drive

Some things are just too good to keep. In fact, I would not want to keep the following report:

Atlanta, Hemphill Avenue church, A. M. Phillips, pastor.

"If we were to secure one subscription to the Evangel for every two members, we would get 200. I appointed an Evangel Committee of eight, four men and four women. The man who turns in 25 paid subscriptions first will receive a \$5.00 hat; the second, \$2.00; and so on for the women.

The drive started one night. The next night one brother turned in 25; the next night this same brother turned in 25 before service, and after service another brother turned in 25. Others are working.

We asked our Sunday School to help us send a roll to the T.B. Sanatorium, U.S.O. Service Men's Center, Alms House and Fort McPherson. We will get 300 in this drive not withstanding the fact that our big drive came off last year in June and July and the most of these are new subscriptions."

Thank you, Brother Phillips, that is fine work. You have a "big ax," and you are using it in a big way.

Many of our smaller churches are working just as hard and doing just as much according to their size.

I never tell the brethren *what to do*; I always tell them *what others are doing*.—A. V. Beaubé, overseer of Georgia.

There had not been any filled with the Holy Ghost here for years, so they say. Sunday night a week ago a young lady screamed, "I am dying, send for the doctor." I said, "All that you need is God." She prayed through. Another one received the Holy Ghost last Sunday.—James Williams, pastor, Douglasville, Ga.

There are good prospects of the work building up in the western part of the State. We have purchased four church buildings this year—at Versailles, Russell Springs, Caywood, and Harrisburg.—W. J. Milligan, overseer of Kentucky.

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Digging Out the Wells of Salvation

MRS. W. A. McNUTT

"And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names which his father had called them," Gen. 26:18.

A WELL of water meant so much to the Israelites as they journeyed through the land. It meant life for their people and for their flocks. So today we should dig again the wells of salvation which have been stopped by the enemy, that we might enjoy the fulness of the gospel. According to Isa. 12:3, there is more than one well, for he said, "With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation."

There is one well that has been nearly stopped in these last days. This is the well of sanctification. Let's therefore dig out this well and call it by the name that our fathers called it, as Isaac did, and not be ashamed. I have heard people say that they were afraid of the word "sanctification." The enemy wants us to be afraid of this wonderful experience for he knows that God has said without holiness (or sanctification) we shall never see Him. Heb. 12:14.

Thus saith the Lord, "Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, wherein is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein," Jer. 6:16.

Folks are fixing up a modern path for themselves these days, and trying to go crosslots to Glory—a streamlined holiness. We are going to get in the mire if we do not stay on the highway cast up for the redeemed, which is the way of holiness unto the Lord, and paved with God's love and mercy. If we have had this wonderful experience and lose it, we must still give an account to God. When we get this as a definite work in our hearts and lives, the devil can not cheat us out of it, if we continue to walk in the light, for it cleanses our hearts from inbred sin and sets us apart for service; the Ishmael nature moves out and the Isaac nature moves in. It breaks my heart to see people who have had this blessed experience, which is like meat in a sandwich, lay it

down, for immediately their eyes become blinded. When we let go of any of God's truths, He hides them from our eyes, and "how great is that darkness." People in this condition claim that it is not written in the Bible that sanctification is a second work of grace. If we humble ourselves and open our hearts, we will see it everywhere in God's Word.

Joseph and Mary took Jesus to the temple when He was eight days old, to do for Him after the custom of the Jews and the law (which was circumcision, a type of our circumcision of the heart). Col. 2:11.

Justification is a birth; sanctification is a death. They could not be one and the same operation. Read Romans 6 where it says we are planted together in the likeness of His death. Our old man, the carnal nature, is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. Brother, Sister, we need this deeper work of grace if we expect to be able to "stand in the holy place" when Jesus comes after His bride. Paul found a law in his members warring against the law of his mind and bringing him into captivity to the law of sin which was in his members. Read the rest of Romans 7 and see where Paul found deliverance through the application of the blood to his heart. We will all be wretched like Paul until we find deliverance from carnality the same way that he did. The disciples had their names written down in heaven before Jesus prayed for them to be sanctified. John 17. Paul had carnal Christians in his church at Corinth (1 Cor. 3:1-3), also those that were sanctified (1 Cor. 1:2) and those that were baptized with the Holy Ghost (1 Cor. 12:4-11).

Beloved, if the church is ever "set in order" it is time we took our spiritual shovels and dug out this wonderful well that the enemy of our souls has well nigh filled to the brim with false doctrines and theories. It is going to take all of the gospel to take us through. If we take anything away or add anything to God's Word, a woe has been pronounced. Rev. 22:18, 19. "Take heed to thyself and to the doctrine," 1 Tim. 4:16.

It is plainly seen that it is the pur-

pose of Satan's big guns to blast sanctification out of our experience, so we will not be ready for the rapture. There is more Pentecost preached today without it than with it.

Jesus has gone to prepare a holy place for a holy people. He gave Himself for the Church (saved ones) that He might sanctify it and present it to Himself a glorious church without spot or wrinkle (Eph. 5:25, 26), everything taken out by the blood. Glory to Jesus forever! "This is the will of God even your sanctification," 1 Thess. 4:3. Let us pay the full price and not try to get through on anything less.

Shall we stand aside and let the enemy of our soul fill this well until we can walk over it and never see it? There are those that would pervert the gospel. Paul cried, "Woe is me if I preach not (all) the gospel," 1 Cor. 9:16. If any man preach any other gospel than which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed, Gal. 1:8, 9, and Paul preached it definitely if any one ever did. "Let not sin (the carnal nature) dwell in your mortal bodies that you should obey it in the lust thereof," Rom. 6:12.

Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8. "Mortify (put to death) your members which are upon the earth," etc. Col. 3:5. God's plan is complete, the atonement is complete. Let us not belittle the power in the precious blood of Calvary. Jesus suffered without the camp that He might sanctify the people with His own blood. Heb. 13:12. Let us go forth unto Him without the camp bearing His reproach, and not leave out the best part of the plan of God for our lives.

We read in God's Word, 2 Thess. 2:3, "Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day (the day of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ) shall not come except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." Read the rest of this chapter.

Many are in the hour of falling away. People must have something in order to fall away from it. We are falling away from the "faith that was once delivered to the saints," away from the pattern given in the mount, away from "holiness unto the Lord." Many are on "dangerous ground" at this point.

If we expect to go in the rapture, (Continued on page 15)

RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

China Doubles Aid to Foreign Missions

The Chinese government will double its financial assistance to foreign missions cut off from their home bases by the war, the Chungking radio said recently in an English language broadcast to North America.

The broadcast reported by U. S. government monitors, said the missions include Swiss, Danish, Norwegian and other nationals.

The outbreak of the European war severed many missionaries from their source of home funds and their support was largely taken over by contributions from America, Great Britain and other Allied countries and administered by the National Christian Council of China.

Perilous Times

These are indeed perilous times, when our political situation is threatened by false political ideas; and what is worse, these ideas result in occurrences in our administration which refuse to recognize God as final authority and right of reign in political affairs. They, therefore, contribute to national apostasy. These perilous times, mentioned in 2 Tim. 3:1-5, are brought about by one condition alone, and that is that "men are lovers of their own selves" more than they value or love God. The world as a creation belongs to God, and man as a fallen, sinful agent is a poor caretaker; it remains, therefore, that if God cannot have right of rule through men, mankind will soon find themselves ringfenced with enemies which they cannot control. For this reason we as Christians are taught to pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." That day will come, and what a glorious day it will be!

Methodist Schools Lose

According to *Christian Herald*, "Enrollment in Methodist Sunday Schools has dropped from 5,418,798 in 1940 to 5,093,558 in 1942. To find out why, a survey of 600 carefully selected laymen and a larger number of pastors was taken. Reasons for the decline,

according to the survey:

"1. There is no definite conviction on the part of the people generally that the church school is important. 2. There is inferior work on the part of officers and teachers in many schools. 3. Methodist church school teachers are frequently in competition with teachers of other denominations whose doctrines are simple and direct. And 4. There is a lack of concern on the part of church workers for the spiritual welfare of others.

"That, we think, would apply to every denomination in Protestantism."

From a Chaplain's Letter

One of our Protestant chaplains has written the denominational authorities as follows:

"... As I am now situated I have some six chaplains who hold administrative positions over me. Five of the six are Roman Catholic. And don't tell me that it just happened that way. The Protestant chaplains are beginning to feel that our church statesmen are exceedingly remiss in safeguarding our religious heritage; that we are being let down. Surely there is enough virility left in American Protestantism to keep its men in the service under Protestant leadership. What we have on the part of our leaders is ecclesiastical appeasement, failure to see events, failure to understand events, and the idea 'Everybody means well, etc.' Please tell our leaders to wake up. We finally woke up politically; now it is high time that we wake up theologically and ecclesiastically. To many it will be a rude awakening and they won't like this world of greed, pride, and struggle for power. Actually your problem is simple: get the facts, and give the facts the light of day. Sweetness won't solve the problem; light will. Should these fall, there is always the heat treatment."

Christ or Antichrist

There are two distinct classes of people in the world today: First, the Christian, who does not belong to this world and who actually asks no favor so far as finalities are concerned, and who fears no quarter when it comes

to decisions that deal with finalities. This class is trusting in and looking for the coming of Christ into whose kingdom they have now been translated: for in Him they see the end of all things in a perfect score. The second class are those who are distinctly of the world and who have no plans outside of the present worldly status. They do not plan to go to heaven, and hope they won't go to hell. They are, however, looking for and longing for someone to lead the world who can and will improve their possibilities in the form of earthly realities. Frankly, they are looking for a superman, to lead the world out of chaos. This man will finally come in the form of antichrist, whom they will gladly receive because they are of the world itself. Praise God for a hope that is higher than that of the earth, which will some day culminate in the realities of the kingdom of God upon earth.

No Atheists on Life-rafts

MARE ISLAND, Calif.—A Navy chaplain recently amazed a visitor at his office by handing him a copy of a New Testament with the remark, "Here is a Bible which we literally hope will never be read."

"Do you mean," the visitor asked, "that you really give away Bibles which you do not want people to read? Why, then, do you give them away?"

The chaplain explained that the book was one of the thousands of New Testaments which are enclosed in waterproof containers for use on life-rafts.

"After the Rickenbacker party's experience on the life-rafts," said the chaplain, "the American Bible Society offered to supply these Testaments to Navy ships. Hundreds have been sent to this office to be placed on vessels. We sincerely hope that this Bible will never be used, but we do want it there in case someone in the future, if forced to climb onto a life-raft, will have it."

Then the chaplain added, "A newspaper reporter cabled that there were no atheists in fox-holes. I would like to add that there are no atheists on life-rafts out on the vast expanses of the Pacific."

Russia Laments and Pays

Russia has much to say about German outrages, such as murder and rape of women of Russia in conquered lands. It is true, according to the

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Coming from the Greek word "Diakonos," was like the word "episcopos," used for the bishop, of Greek origin, as against the word "elder" used by the Church when it consisted particularly of Jewish believers. There is,



however, no office of Jewish origin that can be verified as corresponding to that of the deacon. It is held that he was unlike the Levite, who served rather as a porter of the temple, who looked after the beasts, and sang in the choir. Neither is he thought to be like the cohan, or priest, of the syna-

gogue, who probably opened and shut the doors, cleaned and cared for the building, and who handed the roll of the law to the reader (see Luke 4:20). Some think the deacon is more like the collector of alms.

The first mention of the deacon in the Church is in Phil. 1:1 and 1 Tim. 3:8, where he is mentioned along with the office of the bishop. The name "deacon" comes from the Greek word "diakonos"; primarily from "dia," meaning through, emphatic; and from "koneo" which means to wait, attend upon, serve. It would be unreasonable to suppose that the deacon was at this time something novel, since the "office of the deacon" suggests that it would have required comparatively the same amount of time for it to develop as that of the "office of the bishop." The prominent meaning is not that he is a minister of the gospel, but that he is one who renders service to another; an attendant, or servant.

In Matt. 20:26 "deacon" means one who rules, by serving others. In Matt. 22:13, the king's servants who served food and drink were called deacons. In John 2:5, 9 deacons are called servants. "Rulers," or ministers, of civil law, is translated from the Greek word *diakonos* in Rom. 12:4. While it is the same word that translates "ministers" in 1 Cor. 3:5; 6:4, wherein it refers unto Paul and Apollos and other ministers of the gospel: likewise of ministers who are charged with responsibility of the preaching of the gospel, 2 Cor. 3:6; Gal. 2:17; Col. 1:23; Rom. 15:8; also of a devoted follower, Jno. 12:26.

"Diakoneo," which comes from the

THE DEACON

By E. C. CLARK, Editor

same root word, is used for those who attend, or wait upon, also used of those who serve, Matt. 8:15; and Mark 1:31; Luke 4:39, and elsewhere; of those who attend or assist. Acts 19:22; to minister to, relieve, assist, or supply with the necessities of life, provide the means of living, Matt. 4:11; 27:55; Mark 1:13; 15:41; Luke 8:3; to fill the office of the deacon, 1 Tim. 3:10, 13; 1 Peter 4:11; to convey in charge, administer, 2 Cor. 3:3; 8:19, 20; 1 Peter 1:12; 4:10; in the passive voice, to receive service, Matt. 20:28; Mark 10:45.

From "diakona," the same root word, we have: serving, service, waiting, attendance, the act of rendering friendly offices, Luke 10:40; 2 Tim. 4:11; Heb. 1:14; relief, aid, Acts 6:1; 11:29; 2 Cor. 8:4; 9:1, 12, 13; a commission, Acts 12:25; Rom. 15:31; a commission or ministry in the service of the gospel, Acts 1:17, 25; 20:24; Rom. 11:13; 2 Cor. 4:1; 5:18; 1 Tim. 1:12; service in the gospel, Acts 6:4; 21:19; 1 Cor. 16:15; 2 Cor. 6:3; 11:8; Eph. 4:12; Rev. 2:19; a function, ministry, or office in the Church, Rom. 12:7; 1 Cor. 12:5; Col. 4:17; 2 Tim. 4:5; a ministering in the conveyance of a revelation from God, 2 Cor. 3:7, 8, 9.

In the light of the foregoing it is to be seen that "deacon" refers to those who are rendering service, whether preaching or other forms of service. Christ and the apostles are referred to as performing such services, which is also translated from the same word. Mark 10:45. Concerning the work of the deacon, Thayer, Lightfoot, and Schaff-Herzog all state that, "A deacon is one who, by reason of his office assigned him by the church, cares for the poor and has charge of and distributes the money collected for their use." Thayer also states of the deaconess, which is translated from the same root word, that she is "a woman to whom the care of either poor or sick women are entrusted." Rom. 16:1. "Deacon" represents the servant in his activity of work; it does not represent his relationship. He

might be a noble or in some cases a bond slave. Adam Clarke said: "The office of a deacon in the primitive Church, was to serve in the love feasts, to distribute the bread and the wine to the communicants, to proclaim different parts and times of worship in the churches, and to take care of the widows, orphans, prisoners, and sick, who were provided for out of the revenue of the Church. Thus we find it was the very lowest ecclesiastical office."

"Deacons were first appointed by the apostles, Acts 6:1-6; they had the care of the poor and preached occasionally."

Commenting on Rom. 12:7, Mr. Clarke says that the word "diakonia" simply means the office of a deacon; thus he assumes the office of the deacon is here mentioned as in existence. While on the other hand, Hastings says, "The transition is found here," though the deacon himself is not mentioned. Commenting further on the various forms of the word "diakonos," Mr. Hastings says, "The words refer to service rendered without regard to the quality of the person rendering it. Thus the diakonoi at a feast may be either bond or free; and anyone doing such service is a diak for the time being. Thus in the New Testament they are (1) of service generally (Acts 12:25; Rom. 15:25; 1 Cor. 16:15) (2) of our Lord's work in particular (Matt. 20:28); (3) of the temporal ruler (Rom. 13:4); (4) of the work of the apostles (e.g., Acts 1:17; 6:3; 1 Cor. 3:5; 1 Tim. 1:12); but in none of these places is there any trace of diakonos as an official title."

Acts 6:4

While most commentators and writers agree that the office of the deacon grew out of the work of those "seven men" mentioned in Acts 6:4, it does not follow that they were actually called deacons there. However, we do have this identification of "the seven" along with the duties described of deacons mentioned later. The apostles refused to leave the ministry of the Word (verse 2), which indicates that the work of the seven was not a ministry of the Word; it is translated from "diakonien"; the same word which translates "deacon." The Greek word "diakonein" used, therefore, identifies them as servants; not of the Word, but of tables. It was a ministry of the local church, which was under the care of the apostles. The apostles ap-

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FOR some time I have felt definitely led to write on this subject concerning the gifts of the Spirit and their manifestations in our churches today.

Some few years ago a young minister in the Church of God made a statement that he didn't believe that any man knew enough about the gifts to ever speak concerning them. Paul said, in 1 Cor. 12:1, "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant," but it seems that some are ignorant about this big, wonderful subject that means so much to the Church today. We who know our Bibles know that this is pre-eminently the dispensation of the Holy Ghost. The Old Testament dispensation was that of the Father. The millennium will be that of the Son, and this is that of the Holy Ghost. So we should have a scriptural knowledge of His work in the Church today.

There are many today who believe that these gifts, because they are given to the individual, become his property to do with as he sees best; but I claim, on the authority of the Word, that this is not so. The Bible says in 1 Cor. 12:8, "To one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom," so this gift is dependent wholly on the Spirit's manifestation. When there is a need in the Church, or the life of the individual, the Spirit provides that need. To prove that this is so, can a man work miracles without having His divine presence working in his life? The answer is, "No." Neither can he retain any other of these gifts after he has lost the presence of the Holy Spirit. I know men who say they are the property of the individual and he can do whatever he desires with them, but this is far from the truth. It is true some may try to imitate the work of the Spirit but it is only a cheap counterfeit. Let those who claim that a man who has ever had a gift of the Spirit and it is his even though he goes back in sin, work a miracle, open a blind eye, unstop a deaf ear. They can never do it because this is the work of the Spirit.

Now let us approach from this angle, that the gifts are in the Church and God uses individuals as He has need of them, to edify the Church. Note 1 Cor. 12:28, "God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing,

helps, governments, diversities of tongues." I want you to know that God is talking about the gifts of the Spirit here and it says that He (God) set them in the Church. As long as you stay in line with God's plan for His Church, and live clean, it is possible for one or more of these gifts to manifest through your life, only as the Spirit wills to the edification of the Church. When this is taught, we will cease putting a man or a woman up on a pedestal and making him an object of worship by saying that Brother or Sister So and So has the gift of discernment, etc. Many a man has become exalted and fell from grace because man made him an object of worship.

Now for the gifts themselves. 1 Cor. 12:8, "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit."

Many not knowing the difference between wisdom and knowledge think they are the same, but let us note, first, wisdom. Wisdom tells us what is to be done and how to do it in a discreet manner. James 1:5, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God." Truly this gift is sadly lacking in our works today. 1 Cor. 12:21 says, "Covet earnestly the best gifts." We should seek God for wisdom before plunging our congregation into big debts, before taking action that will affect the whole Church of God.

There are preachers who have had great responsibilities, who just knew they could not put the deals over, but went to God in prayer, saying, "God, what shall I do concerning this matter?" and like a bolt from a clear sky God spoke telling them what to do. Later people remarked, "My, what a great man Brother So and So is," when it was God all the time working through His Church made up of individuals, and some make the mistake of taking the credit that is due the Spirit who has been at work. If you are one of those who are doing this, remember there will come a day when the Spirit will no longer work through that channel, but will choose another who will give Him the glory.

Knowledge! Knowledge tells us

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what is to be done, and what is not to be done. There are many who have knowledge. They see the world lost in sin, also how wicked the world is. They know that something must be done. But wisdom directs how to speak at the right time, to the right persons. There is a wrong way to do a right thing. A man may know that he wants a house built and how many rooms he wants in it, but it takes a man with wisdom to build that house. Many of our preachers can look back on their ministry and remember when God inspired them with wisdom and knowledge from above for an occasion, to advance His cause, and when they tried again for their own purpose they miserably failed.

The next gift mentioned is faith. There are many different kinds of faith mentioned in the Bible. There is historical faith. Even the devil had this kind of faith. Again there is temporary faith, saving faith that helps a man accept Christ as his Savior. But the faith mentioned here is miraculous faith, the kind that will remove mountains, financial mountains and mountains of afflictions. For an example we see a church that is struggling along, loaded down with some big mountain, can't make a bit of progress, when suddenly some brother comes to church stating, "I have prayed through. God has promised us the victory," and it comes. Why? The gift of faith is at work. One may have faith and yet lack the gift of faith.

The next mentioned is the gifts of healing. Here is where the pinch will come in. Brother but hear me, though you differ with me. These other gifts were in the singular but this one is in the plural—"gifts." We have been taught that So and So has the gift of healing. Call in this one or that one, he has the gift of healing. I claim that the one who has been healed is the one who has the gift of healing. For an example, if a man has a cancer of the stomach and God gives him a new stomach, he would have a gift that would edify the church. There is not one word of scripture that will substantiate the teaching that certain ones in the Church had the gift of healing. But on the

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By
D. C. Boatwright

other hand, Mark 16 says, "These signs shall follow them that believe; . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Again, James 5:14, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him."

To carry this a little further, what was the need of having the gift of faith, then the working of miracles? It was so men who were sick could be healed as the result of the gift of faith, in connection with the working of miracles, and receive the gifts of healing. To claim certain ones possess the gift of healing, is to wrest the scriptures. The privilege of praying for the sick is to the believer, not certain ones in the Church.

Next in line is the working of miracles. It is true that we have men in our churches today that God has used to perform miracles even in these days of unbelief. They were living close enough to God that when the need arose God used them by imparting miraculous faith upon them to edify His Church.

I claim that a man may have some of the gifts working through him and not be aware of it. For an example, a few years ago, at Mobridge, South Dakota, while pastoring that work, a woman came to the parsonage asking if we believed in divine healing. We told her we did. She stated that her little brother about twelve years old was stricken with peritonitis and that the doctor told her he had until midnight to live. We anointed a handkerchief with oil and told her to apply it. That evening when it was time to go to church we called the hospital asking how the little boy was. The nurse told me she was not allowed to give out any information, then she referred me to the doctor. He stated that the little boy was no better and would very likely pass out during the night. We went to church and laid the matter before the church, and they went to prayer. Brother, what we need is for the Church to go to God as one man, not just a few. Well, during that period of prayer God used someone to perform a miracle. The gift of faith was manifest through someone. We will never know



who it was, but it was someone there that night. This is the way it should be, then God gets the glory instead of some individual. Remember, the gifts are in the Church to edify it, and God only uses human instrumentality to promote His cause. The little boy was instantly healed that same night and left the hospital in a few days. He was the one who received the gift of healing. Believest thou this?

The next in line is the gift of prophecy. Many today fail to properly interpret this gift also. Note 1 Cor. 14:1-3, "But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort." Again, verse 4, last clause, "He that prophesieth edifieth the church." So any thing that will exhort, comfort, or edify that is done in the Spirit, is prophecy at work.

Now to the ministry. Look back on your ministry, think of the times you have gone into the pulpit, the Holy Ghost has come upon you and you preached under an anointing, saying things that you had never learned, so that people marveled and said, "We never heard it on this order before"; and many fail to give the Spirit credit for the work done, when we should realize that it is not I but the Spirit of prophecy at work in the Church to build it up. If God were

given more credit for the work done, He would do more for us.

Discerning of spirits. This gift, like the others, is given to us by the Spirit. The reason is that we may discern the true from the false. Note 2 Peter 2:1, "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction." 1 John 4:1 says, "Try the spirits whether they are of God." We surely need this gift to be at work in the Church to warn us of any false move. I have heard people say, "Brother So and So has the gift of discernment, you had better be good around him." Man worship is all it is. I claim that when any Spirit-filled man or woman comes in touch with a false spirit, the Spirit will warn him or her of the danger. Most every Spirit-filled minister can look back on his ministry and remember times when this gift manifested itself through his life, and yet we couldn't claim it as a permanent gift, because we have made too many mistakes and have missed God at times because of our failure to stay in the Spirit.

Many years ago, when I was just a young Christian, a man came into the meeting and God spoke to me, saying, "That man is a devil." I told an old Christian about this and was rebuked for same. Later we found out that God wasn't wrong. This man was guilty of the sins of Sodom, but because I, through the Spirit, discerned this man, I can't claim this as mine to use it at will because I have since that time misjudged some good people because at the time I wasn't walking in the Spirit. Paul said in his letter to the Romans, "If ye walk in the Spirit, ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." Here is our trouble, we often fail to walk in the Spirit. Note Deut. 18:20-22, how to prove a prophet. Try this on your preacher.

The next is DIVERS KINDS OF TONGUES. The word "divers" means different. The gift of tongues is not to be confused with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. In Acts 2:38 he states that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is for every one. But Paul said in 1 Cor. 12:30, "Do all speak with tongues?" having reference to the gift of tongues. Someone asks, "What is the gift of tongues?" I will answer

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WHAT PRICE HEAVEN

REV. FLOYD D. CAREY

St. Matthew 13:45, 46. Now the Bible does not say how much he received from the pearl, but he sold all he had. Why? This man had found something that was of far more value than any of his possessions; he found something that he desired; he found something that would satisfy his desires for personal belongings; he had found something that was beautiful; he had found something that to him was without price as far as he was concerned. I imagine I can see this man. I like to think of him as a man that had a beautiful home, horses, cattle, just anything that he desired. When he came and told his wife that everything he had had gone on the auction block, that she must let her jewels go, she was broken-hearted, but he was lord of his home (that does not apply to this day as to man being head of the house; woman seems to have changed that) and when he said "everything" he meant just that. People today are buying land in South Georgia, drilling for oil in the hopes of getting rich. They are borrowing money. They are selling cars, homes, jewelry, and buying equipment. This country is at war, so are our Allies. We are making ships, guns, tanks, cars, cannons, planes and everything you can think of to help win this war. This is an all-out effort to win a final and decisive victory once and for all. Many people are buying 10 per cent war bonds; many buy 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 per cent war bonds and in certain cases 100 per cent of their salary goes to aid the country. Yet, there is a treasure that at this time is neglected that is in reach of each and every person of this great land of ours, in the reach of every Russian, Jap, Chinese, and every nation under the sun, a priceless treasure that no amount of money

could ever buy, something free in this day of greed and money-grabbing.

There is something far more to be desired than that beautiful pearl; far more to be desired than that beautiful brick home your wife is working in a war plant helping you pay for, neglecting those little children, letting them roam the streets at will; far more to be desired than that beautiful car you are skimping trying to pay for, forgetting to pay your tithes; or forgotten is that pledge you made to pay on the church debt; forgotten are those vows you made to God to serve Him only if you could only get a good job.

You preachers who have shown great increases in tithes, have you forgotten there was a day when you were not so well thought of as you are now, there was a time when some of the people only came to the church out of curiosity? Have you forgotten the time you were called of the Lord to preach? You promised that you would never compromise with the evil one, yet you are closing your eyes to the life some of your members are living. Some that don't pay much tithes are put out to save your conscience. Do you remember when syrup and cornbread was your main diet? when you thumbed your way to your appointment? when if you had a church without a leak in the roof you were getting somewhere? God has given all these things into our keeping. He can take them away if we are not faithful to our trust.

Everything is purchased with a price, "Ye are bought with a price"—the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Ye are not your own. If you want to make heaven your home, you will have to decide what the value of this heavenly mansion is. Is it worth your worldly friends? Is it worth the revelry you partake of at the night spots, the rendezvous you have with some other man's wife, or some other woman's husband? Is it worth that liquor that you love so well? Is it worth the card game you are so interested in? Is it worth that war job that lets you neglect your home, and lets your little children roam the streets with all manner of evil companions, learning to smoke, curse, gamble, drink, and young girls led astray? Let's weigh all that we have. I am firmly convinced that every thing in this sin-cursed world will pale into insignificance if we could transplant ourselves into the glory world and view the wonders that our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus

Christ has prepared for us.

There are those selling out to the enemy for less than a mess of pottage; yes, a sack of tobacco, a picture show and other foolishness that will soon perish. We are not working to build a home for a few days, a few years, but a home eternal, not built with hands, a place with beauties beyond human comprehension, that staggers the imagination. The Scriptures say that eye has not seen, ear has not heard, neither has entered into the heart of man the things that God has prepared for them that love Him.

What is heaven worth to you? Have you considered the value of that which stands between you and God? Remember that this is for time without end. Remember there is no change of heart after death. The decision you make when God speaks to you will tell where you will spend eternity, in bliss with Jesus or in hell with the devil and his angels. Make your decision now. Let it be the right one. Accept Christ as your personal Savior right now.

Pity the Preacher

A Texas paper comments as follows:

"The preacher has a great time. If his hair is gray, he is old. If he is a young man, he hasn't had experience. If he has ten children, he has too many; if he has none, he isn't setting a good example. If his wife sings in the choir, she is presuming; if she doesn't, she isn't interested in her husband's work. If a preacher reads from his notes, he is a bore; if he speaks extemporaneously, he isn't deep enough. If he stays at home in his study, he doesn't mix enough with the people; if he is seen around on the streets, he ought to be at home getting up a good sermon. If he calls on some poor family, he is playing to the grandstand; if he calls at the home of the wealthy, he is an aristocrat. Whatever he does, someone could have told him to do better."—*The Churchman*.

The minister, like the Victrola, if he wants people to listen to him, must have a good record as well as a good tone.

A minister is like the doctor—he cannot always tell what is the matter with a person the first visit.

The Mantle of Elijah

REV. G. C. SPENCER

Elijah's life had come to an end. Amid many discouragements he had accomplished a great work. He had grown old in the service of God and Israel had been blessed in many ways by this great prophet. Wicked kings had been rebuked; fire had been called down from heaven and the claims of the true God were vindicated through his life. But Elijah's life had come to an end in this world. One, who, by his counsel and example meant more to the safety and independence of Israel than all their chariots and horses, was to be taken away. But Israel was not to be left without a prophet. God is always careful to provide leaders for His work. When Moses' life came to an end, "the word of the Lord came to Joshua, Moses' minister" calling him to accomplish the great task of settling the Israelites in the land of Canaan. Now Elisha is to fill the place of Elijah. He is to be successor to one who had been respected as the prophet of Jehovah. Could he fill the place? Could he continue to impress a people so prone to wandering that their departure from the statutes of Jehovah would continue to result in punishment? Could he do it? I have a feeling that Elisha realized his inability in his own strength and at once was brought face to face with his need. If he is to accomplish anything it must be through the strength of Him whom he is to serve. He must have the anointing of Elijah. O Lord, help us today to realize the need of this anointing! To be truly great for God we must become little in our sight and refuse to accept anything as a substitute for the Holy Spirit's anointing. We must seek earnestly to be endued with the compelling power of the Holy Ghost that so characterized the lives of the disciples after Pentecost.

"Ask what I shall do for thee before I am taken away from thee. I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee it shall be so unto thee but if not, it shall not be so." This sign was a test of Elisha's earnestness. If he were determined earnestly to receive this

favor he would be careful not to permit his attention to be withdrawn and I can well imagine that his eyes were glued to Elijah from that moment. He was determined to see him when he was taken up. So must we keep our eyes on Jesus who has promised to never leave us, but to be with us to the end.

The determination with which Elisha followed Elijah is shown in verses 1-8. He refused to be turned aside. We need more men and women today with the "staying" qualities of Elisha, people who are determined to satisfy themselves with nothing short of God's best. Elisha was requested to tarry at Gilgal, which means "circle." He refused to stay. "As the Lord liveth and as thy soul liveth I will not leave thee." But many are now tarrying in the place of "circle," still in the same place where they were many years ago when first saved. Let us move forward, seeking higher ground and a deeper spiritual walk with God. So they came to Bethel together. Here the sons of prophets came unto Elisha and said unto him, "Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to-day?" And he answered, "Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace." And here again he is admonished by Elijah to tarry, but Elisha was not stopping. Bethel means "house of God" and is a good place to stop but not for too long. Some tarry in one place and never get further blessings after their conversion and there is no wonder they become so dry until they are ready for the burning. We can no more live on past blessings, spiritually, than we can live physically were we to decide never to eat another meal.

When they arrived at beautiful Jericho, known as the City of Palm Trees, Elijah announced his intention of proceeding to Jordan. "Tarry, I pray thee, here, for the Lord hath sent me to Jordan." But surely this was not the place for Elisha to become discouraged and risk losing the "double portion." This was not the end of the journey. No! He must go on. May God help us in these troubled times not to become discouraged but to press forward "toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God which is in

Christ Jesus." "And they two went on." Let us imagine seeing these two as they approach Jordan. The muddy, angry waters form no more of a barrier for Elijah and Elisha than they previously had formed for Joshua. "And Elijah took his mantle and smote the waters and they were divided hither and thither so that they two went over on dry ground." Here is the consummation of the journey. Elisha is being counselled by Elijah when suddenly there appeared the chariot of fire which was to take Elijah into heaven. But Elisha's eyes are glued to him. Elijah is going up. Up! Up! Higher and higher he ascends. Could it be that Elisha has followed in vain? Has he been left deserted on the far side of the Jordan? Has his request for the "double portion" of Elijah's anointing been in vain? As he watches he spies something that is falling. It is the mantle of Elijah. As it falls Elisha's faith is strengthened. This was the pledge that Elijah's spirit should rest upon him.

May we look steadfastly to Jesus who has ascended to the Father but has left us a promise of power. Let us not tarry at the many stopping places along the way, but may we seek to become a blessing to our church, community, city as Elijah and Elisha were to Israel. May God make this little printed message a blessing to all who read it.

Williston Is Stirred

WILLISTON, Fla.—I praise God for victory in my soul, also His goodness and tender mercy to me, and His mighty healing power. One day He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I am also glad I belong to the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth. We love and appreciate our pastor and family; he is a real shepherd to his flock. I feel like God sent Brother Bryan to Williston; he has this town stirred. They are such good workers. The Lord is surely blessing His children here. We are expecting great things from God this year. Our pastor preaches old-time holiness. Brother Bryan has built a bathroom in our parsonage, put a sink in the kitchen, and we owe nothing on the church property. We are expecting a great revival to break out here and many souls be saved. Please pray for us here.—Mrs. Walter Chesser.

B. T. S. and College News

GREAT PROJECT UNDER WAY AT B. T. S.

The Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes, along with various other organizations of the Bible Training School and College, have undertaken a great project: that of equipping the auditorium with a modern electrical organ. For some time the need for such an organ has been realized, but until this year nothing definite has been done toward securing one. An organ will not only enhance the beauty of the school, but will also be instrumental in bringing more souls to Christ.

Various methods are being used to secure the \$3,000 necessary to purchase this organ. Some of the students are calling on their personal friends for contributions, while still others are seeking the aid of their local pastors, whom they feel are vitally interested in the progress of our school.

Several days ago a group of students visited the Eighth Avenue Church of God at Knoxville, Tennessee, which is pastored by Rev. J. D. Wilson, and participated in a most wonderful, Spirit-filled service. The mighty power of God was revealed as The College Boys Quartet (John Mears, Luther Turner, Claude Phillips, and Garland Mann), Lillian Savchenko, Colleen Huff, and Mary Elsie Blackwood rendered their favorite selections. A pantomime entitled "A Sinner and His Plea" was given, which touched every heart and instilled within their souls a deeper appreciation for the service. Lucille Settle gave a very impressive reading, "The Lord's Prayer," after which Luther Turner delivered a stirring message on "What Bible School Has Meant to Me." An offering of \$116.00 to be applied on the organ was received. Some time later the same group visited the West Knoxville church, which is pastored by Rev. G. C. Hamby, and here an offering of \$131.00 was given toward securing the organ. Later Rev. J. D. Wilson added \$15.00 to the offering taken at his church, making a total of \$131.50 given by the Eighth Avenue church and \$131.00 given by the West Knoxville church.

This same group of students are

scheduled to visit various other churches in the near future, including the following: Daisy, pastored by Rev. J. L. Underwood; E. Chattanooga, pastored by Rev. D. B. Yow; N. Chattanooga, pastored by A. H. Batts; and Alton Park, pastored by Rev. J. D. Smith. Following these engagements they will be visiting other churches in neighboring states.

God has blessed the efforts that have been put forth thus far, and by His help the Bible Training School and College will be equipped with a beautiful electric organ.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Bible Training School Correspondence Department, Sevierville, Tennessee, offers our regular General Course at the cash rate of \$10.00, or, on terms, \$12.00, to ministers, Sunday School officers, young people's organization officers, etc., through April 30, 1944. All denominations welcome to avail themselves of this offer. (The regular rate is \$15.00 on terms, or \$12.00 cash.)

LOYALTY

Lorraine Burnett

Every Christian should be loyal to God. Through prayer we can conse-

crate our lives to God. We should not yield to the sin about us. God would not have us to be conformed to the things of this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds that we might prove "that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." By praying we can present our bodies a living sacrifice to God which is only our reasonable service. A marble cutter, with chisel and hammer, was changing a stone into a statue. A preacher said, "I wish I could deal such clanging blows on stony hearts." The workman made this answer, "Maybe you could, if you worked like me, upon your knees."

When our bodies are presented to God we are then ready to do work for Christ. The Word of God tells us to be "not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." To have something to do and to do something is a security against a thousand temptations that lie ready to employ idle hands. Our service for Christ should be in the will of God. When Constantine was marking out the bounds of Constantinople, he was told the city would never fill out. His answer to this was, "I am following Him who is leading me." We should be

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PRAY FOR:

My daughter-in-law and husband to be healed.—Mrs. I. Wright, Baldwin Sta., Chester, S. C.

God to heal my daughter and bring her out safely, Mrs. W. E. Clayton, Stephen Phillips Homes, Monaco, Pa.—Louise Braziel, Pitts, Ga.

The Lord to completely heal me of something like a light stroke. I get so lonely I would appreciate hearing from my friends.—Sister Mollie L. Wilson, 4569 E. 8th St., Los Angeles 22, Calif.

God to safely keep my brother, William C. Carter, USS Hurst.—Mrs. Edna Sarver, 109 W. McMillin St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

God to completely heal my body and undertake for me.—Paul McCann, C-7-3, F.A.R.T.C., Fort Bragg, N. C.

The Lord to heal my two children and me of T.B.—Mrs. Lydia Hicks, Lynch, Ky.

My father, age eighty-four years, who is unsaved and given up to die of cancer.—Sister Mary Wilson, pastor, Combs, Ky., Church of God.

My son overseas, somewhere in the South Pacific, that the Lord will care for and safely keep him.—Mrs. C. P. Haynes, Nokomis, Fla.

God to heal my body, D. V., I have been sick five weeks with flu, bronchitis and poison kidneys.—Mrs. J. W. Braziel, Winnsboro, S. C.

My sister, Mrs. Hattie Wagner, Rt. 1, Box 143, Independence, La., to be saved and healed of what we think is cancer; the healing of Mrs. Florence Jones of T.B., also that she be healed mentally.—Vivian Bankston, Rt. 1, Box 102, Independence, La.

Me to be healed of a heart ailment.—Mrs. L. F. Childress, Bastian, Va.

The healing of my mother, Mrs. Daisy Todd, Rt. 1, Manassas, Ga., who has been very, very sick for the past two years, she has suffered so long but believes God will heal.—Mrs. Anell Carter, 437 McDuff Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.

My two precious boys who are in the Armed Forces, one overseas and the other here in camp—Sgt. Leonard Cassady and Harold Brooks Cassady S1/c, Purdue University, N.T.S. Ships Co., LaFayette, Ind. They will appreciate encouragement.—Mrs. Viola Cassady, Davis, W. Va.

The healing of my heart, it hurts all the time; me to be healed of low blood pressure.—Mrs. Pauline Fussell, 1720 Starling Drive, Mobile 19, Ala.

Me to be healed of rupture.—Lella Lord, Rt. 3, Monticello, Miss.

God to heal me of sinus trouble, heart nervousness and stomach trouble; my daughter to be healed of heart trouble and nervousness.—John Padgett, Shawneetown, Ill.

The healing of my body, I am badly afflicted with T.B.—Mrs. J. C. Walker, Sylvester, W. Va.

My brother-in-law who has been sick for over a year.—Mrs. Eva Combs, Rt. 1, Box 20, Bryceville, Fla.

The healing of my mother of gallstone and kidney poisoning; Berniece Pearsons, Liberty, S. C., to be healed.—W. A. Campbell, c/o R. C. Barrett, Rt. 2, Travellers Rest, S. C.

My little son who has a broken thigh to be healed.—Mrs. Jim Bishop, Rt. 2, Brodhead, Ky.

The little five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Pagett, of Jesup, Ga., who can't talk, stand up or sit up.—Mrs. L. E. Day, Rt. 1, Jesup, Ga.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Mae Moreland, Rt. 4, Box 95, Keyser, W. Va.

The Lord to heal me; I was struck by lightning on the top of my head, denting it in.—Lovetta Sanders, Rt. 1, Box 189-C, Belzoni, Miss.

Me to be healed of a breaking out.—Mattie Chalk, Box 14, Star, Miss.

The healing of my mother; my throat to be healed.—Wilma Underwood, Lancaster, S. C.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. P. R. Walker, 97 Cedar St., Mt. Union, Pa.

Notices

To those living in San Bernardino, Calif., and vicinity and those having boys in Camp Hawn, Calif.: There is a Church of God located at 118 E. Citrus St., in Redlands, Calif. Thomas Griffith is the pastor there. He lives in rear of church building.—Thomas Griffith.

Arizona State Camp Meeting and Convention

The Arizona state convention and camp meeting will convene March 24-April 2. We are expecting many out-of-state preachers and overseers to be with us. Rev. Thea F. Jones will be with us for the camp meeting and will be speaking in the evening services. We shall be on the air every day over KPHO, Phoenix.

Rev. J. H. Walker, General Overseer of the Church of God, will be with us for the convention, which is the last three days of the above date. The Lord hath done great things for us in Arizona, so come with us and we will do thee good.—O. C. Crank, overseer of Arizona.

SPECIAL NOTICE Bullet Pencils

Bullet pencils with assorted scripture texts. These, the agent said, are positively the last for the duration. While they last we will ship to churches at \$52.50 for 1,000; \$27.50 for 500; \$14.00 for 250, which is the smallest number offered. They retail at 10c each.

Mirrors

Priced at: \$53.00 for 1,000; \$27.50 for 500; \$14.00 for 250; \$6.25 for 100; \$3.40 for 50; \$1.85 for 25; 75c for 10. No orders accepted for less than ten mirrors. They retail at 10c each. Possible discount on 2,500 or more.

Oil Varnished Pictures

I have also purchased 58,000 oil varnished pictures. Over 20,000 of these have been sold. While they last the prices are: 100 to 1,000 at 12½c each; 75 at 12½c each; 50 at 13c each; 25 at 13½c each; 10 at 14c each. No order accepted for less than ten pictures.

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REPORTS

The Church Rolls On

VERSAILLES, Ky.—The Church of God members at Versailles, Kentucky, have bought a building on South Main Street for their church and expect to go into it by March 1. This church was set in order just six months ago. The Lord is surely blessing the church here in this town. There are many church fighters here but the church rolls on.—Clerk, Anna Barnes, Rt. 1.

you.—Mrs. and Mrs. T. L. Smith, Rt. 2, Box 402.

In Need of Workers

GRANTSVILLE, Md. — Rev. John Jones conducted a very successful revival at Manadier Ridge church. It was a great blessing to all who attended the meetings. A number sought the Lord. We have not been able to determine who were saved. Brother Jones is a good evangelist; he is an able speaker and is well versed in the Word of God, and is a humble man.

The rally at Manadier Ridge, November 20, 21, was very successful and well attended. Rev. D. C. Boatwright, state overseer, was with us, also Rev. Luther Painter. Brother Boatwright preached in the afternoon service. His message was greatly enjoyed by the congregation. A very liberal mission offering was lifted. Rev. E. B. Fur preached Saturday night. His message was very appropriate for the occasion and a real blessing to all. Our clerk is somewhere in New Guinea and our former clerk is in the service engaged in hospital work. Our church has won regular attending members. We are in great need of workers. The faithful few of the church and friends are highly appreciated by the pastor and church.

Please pray for Manadier church and its success.—Mrs. Etheline Bittinger, Rt. 2, Box 63.

"Family Day" Observed at Pontiac, Mich.

Some time ago the Church of God at Pontiac, Mich., observed "Family Day." This day was set apart in observance of the "family." Each family attending sat together, which made the services sacred and beautiful. This brought back memories of days gone by when in the "old country church" the family would sit together.

God set His approval on the message delivered by the pastor, Brother Brady Dennis, whose subject was "America's Fundamental and Foremost Need—A Christian Home." This message let us see how much we are in need of the old family altar and the Christian home, and how far the world has drifted from real Christian, family life. It also made us to realize that

it was the revival of the home that would bring about a real revival in the church. Our souls were made to feast on the Word of the Lord.

This day was also set aside for the "ingathering" on the parsonage furniture project. The ingathering from all departments of the church amounted to over \$500, which cleared all indebtedness on the parsonage furniture.

The Lord blessed in the evening service in a mighty way. Brother Walter Pettitt, who is conducting a revival here, was the speaker of the evening. God blessed as he brought forth the message. Many found their way to the altar and were blessed. Brother Pettitt wrote and dedicated a poem to our "Family Day." Surely, we can praise God for His smile of approval on the "Family Day" and can say, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."—Alfred S. Lowe, clerk.

Wonderful Progress Made at Kansas City

A note-burning dedicatory service was held at the Church of God, 845 Orville, Kansas City, Kansas, Feb. 20, 1944, with Brother Wilma Henry, state overseer, in charge. Several of the local churches were represented at this service. A wonderful spirit was prevalent. Waves of glory swept over our souls as the Spirit of God was manifested through this service.

A few days ago we put on a drive to raise the amount to pay off the entire church indebtedness. Through the cooperation of all the members and a special effort put forth by our pastor, Brother T. A. Perkins, \$400 was raised in a short while. During the dedicatory service a cash offering amounting to \$101.08 was received. The church indebtedness has been paid off in full. We truly praise our great God for the wonderful way in which He had been blessing us here in Kansas City and helping us to meet our obligations for the church.

Brother T. A. Perkins and his good wife have been a great blessing to the people here in Kansas City. Since he has been here we have paid off a church indebtedness of \$700, remodeled the church inside and out to the extent of several hundred dollars worth, including asphalt brick siding, new roof and other extensive improvements, papering and improvements to basement. Truly Brother Perkins has a vision of the work at

Going Places and Doing Things for the Lord in Macon, Ga.

MACON, Ga.—Dear Saints, I must tell you how God is blessing the Church of God in Macon. In less than three months, our dear pastor, Brother H. L. Whittington, has raised over \$3,000 on our indebtedness. We certainly thank our esteemed overseer for sending us such a wonderful pastor. A sweet spirit exists among the saints and we are going places and doing things. Praise the name of our blessed Redeemer!

Pray much for us, that we may do more for the Lord in Macon this year than ever before.—Lucille Harris.

Soul-Stirring Services at Sarasota

SARASOTA, Fla.—We feel inspired to tell of the wonderful soul-stirring services at Sarasota. Last Sunday our Bible Class, with Sister Blunt as leader, received real thrills in Sunday School while studying the "Doctrines of Jesus." When Brother Phillips called the church to order he had prepared a real wisdom-filled sermon on "What the World Thinks of Our Church Doctrines." For over an hour we were kept busy finding scriptures to prove our doctrines, which was real soul food for each Christian. Sister Wilson sang a song of her own composing and two lines of the chorus were a real message:

*"Love and read your Bible,
Learn the mysteries of God."*

Brother Jernigan, our state overseer, says this church has real old-fashioned holiness and we are thankful to be among them.

May God continue to fill and thrill our souls is our prayer. We are thankful for Brother Phillips; he has accomplished so much. May God bless

Kansas City. Pray that God will bless him for every effort put forth in this great work. We are now looking forward to and praying for a good Spirit-filled revival. Will you pray with us?—Elmer Bowman, clerk.

East Dayton, Ohio, Church Still Progressing

It seems that we sisters and brothers of the East Dayton church have neglected to write and tell of the wonderful progress of our church. We have a wonderful pastor, Brother A. R. Heaston, also his faithful wife who is by his side in all of his work. We are very proud of them and also their prayers and efforts toward remodeling our church. Of course, we all try to work together and pray in order for God to prosper us, which is necessary. Since the last Assembly we have taken the partition out of our church and increased our seating capacity for about seventy-five more seats. We know this can only be done through prayer and we give God all the glory. So far we have had little trouble in filling the seats. All this work went on and we did not miss a service. We took the bitter with the sweet, which must be done if we expect to rest in heaven. Our Sunday School has paid for most of this remodeling, but we don't want to forget the L.W.W.B. which has played a part in all the remodeling. We just finished buying the pulpit floor and expect to put in the rest rooms in the spring. We have a nice bank account and are expecting to do more. Our work consists of selling all kinds of cards, scripture text calendars, stationery and plenty of sewing, such as aprons, laundry sets, and quilting. We have also increased our Lighted Pathways from forty-two to sixty-two each month. We thank the Lord for the way He blesses in our meetings from time to time. When a stranger is in our midst he always tells how good he feels and that he knows the Lord is with us. We are almost ready to launch out in a good revival with Brother Murphy, so we give God all the glory and you this scripture, Zech. 4:6, "Then he answered and said unto me, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel saying, Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of host." Pray for us that we may be a shining light in East Dayton, and you are cordially invited to come and worship with us when possible.—Sister Hardesty.

REVIVALS

LEWISTON, Idaho.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival here with our good state overseer, Rev. Ray T. Hill, doing the preaching. The saints were all greatly helped by the good messages. Two were saved, one reclaimed, one sanctified, and six added to the church. Several received light on the Church of God through the Word expounded by Brother Hill. We are all looking forward for God to work in our midst and for the Church of God to rise and shine here in Lewiston, Idaho.—Sister E. Holan, pastor, 1627 17th Ave.

EDINBURG, Tex.—We praise the Lord for a ten-day revival. We were surely blessed with such wonderful sermons. Two were saved, two filled with the Holy Ghost and two added to the church. Brother B. C. Condrion did the preaching and was filled with the Holy Ghost and came into the church through his own preaching in the revival. Thank God, the church was blessed and feels more determined to work for God. Pray for us and pray for our dear pastor, Rev. F. C. Dozler, and his work throughout the valley. Pray much for Brother Condrion, he is now ready to work for God and the interest of lost souls.—Mrs. Viola Yancey, clerk.

ALTON, Fla.—Mrs. B. J. Hillhouse, of Lakeland, Fla., came to Alton and conducted one of the best revivals I ever remember being in. The Lord was with us from the first service and, oh, what a wonderful time we had. It seemed Sister Hillhouse was at her best in preaching, singing, playing the piano and helping souls go through with the Lord under the leadership of the sweet Holy Ghost. I believe she is as good an evangelist as I ever saw in helping out in every way. There were fifteen saved, fourteen sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, twelve baptized in water, and eight added to the church, for which we are very thankful to the Lord. My husband was one of the number to receive the Holy Ghost and, my, how my heart did rejoice. We are happy in Jesus.

The Lord is surely blessing around Alton in our regular services. Sunday night the altar was filled with seekers. Please pray much for us that we will ever be found faithful.—Mildred O'steen, Mayo, Fla.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo.—We praise God for one of the greatest revivals in the history of the Church of God here. We believe that Brother and Sister E. H. Miles were truly God-sent to us for this revival, as He blessed their labors and, according to report, there were twenty-three saved, twelve sanctified seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, six baptized in water, and six added to the church.

Brother and Sister Miles are fine young people and God is with them. He is an excellent evangelistic preacher.

We also appreciate the untiring efforts of the church in this revival; but most of all, we wish to thank the Giver of every good gift.—Earl T. Golden, pastor.

We are happy to report wonderful success in a revival which closed February 6 at our church on East Washington Street in Phoenix, Ariz. We had the privilege and honor of having Brother W. E. Wright, of Marked Tree, Arkansas, to do the preaching for us. There were ten saved, and six saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, besides the reviving of the members of the church. We thank Brother Wright for being willing to come to Arizona to preach for us.

We think we have the best pastor in the State. It was certainly one blessing for us when he left Arkansas and came to Arizona to pastor our church.

He told us that if we could get five subscriptions for the Lighted Pathway and Evangel he would give us an orphanage plate. If we could get twenty-five subscriptions he would give us a set. One girl has already gotten her set.

We are building our church now. Pray for us, and especially for the Y.P.E.—Miss Clara Harris.

FT. PIERCE, Fla.—A successful revival recently closed at Ft. Pierce, Fla., with four saved, two sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. I feel greatly indebted to the hospitable people there. I will not soon forget my enjoyable stay in that fruit section of Florida. May the dear Lord continue to bless the good pastor, Brother Doyle Franklin, and all the people there.—Joseph Daniel, Chokoloskee, Fla.

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THE DEACON

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pointed them, and the qualifications were there higher than the office of the deacon later required, in that they were required to be filled with the Holy Ghost and faith, whereas no such requirement is mentioned in 1 Tim. 3:8-12. Of the "seven men," two of them became ministers of the Word. Stephen was largely a preacher, and Philip, twenty-five years later, is called, in Acts 21:8, "the evangelist." That Stephen and Philip made spiritual progress above the other five is certain, and if the "seven" were a form of elders springing up from the local church at Jerusalem, we have an example of what may happen in any local church, there are those who, because of their spiritual wisdom and influence, are chosen to assist the bishop in care of the affairs of the church, but some of whom the Lord leads into greater fields of usefulness in preaching the Word. Most commentaries are, however, agreed that the work of the deacon for the most part is to care for the poor and needy, visiting the sick, etc.

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are for the most part about the same for the deacon as for the bishop. The bishop must be apt to teach others, while it was enough for the deacon to hold the faith in a pure conscience. Both are warned not to be greedy of filthy lucre. Both were especially required to rule their own houses well, for unless this is first accomplished in their own homes, how are they to expect the confidence of others to trust the rule of the Church of God unto them. The deacon, who visiting among the members, would have occasion to criticize and to talk about others, was warned not to be double tongued; and though this is not required of the bishop, it could but help him if he were not so. The bishop and the deacon, being supported from the revenue of the Church, are likewise warned against covetousness (poor mouth) and greed. The wives and even the whole family of the bishop and deacon constitute part of their fitness for holding office.

RELIGION AND THE WORLD

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Word of God, that "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." This is not only scripturally true, but it is scientifically true also. Maybe the Germans have done all these out-

rageous things, but is it not true that Russian soldiers murdered several millions of Christian men and women during the last two decades? Is it not equally true that many of those fine pure women were ravaged by those dastardly men? If Russia put no value on manhood and womanhood because they were Christians, is it any wonder that the Germans may not place any value upon Russians, who may or may not be Christians? In the hollow of His hand we are safe, as Christians, regardless of what befalls us. Russia taught the world new lessons in crime and destruction of Christianity, and now she sacrifices her human beings without Christ to pay for her crime.

THE NINE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

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that it is the gift of tongues at work in the Church to edify the Church. For example, my father once spoke in tongues during the course of a sermon. He paused and waited for an interpretation. None came. He continued with his sermon. After the sermon a Jewish man came to him and began to speak in the Hebrew language. Father said, "I cannot understand one word you say." The man replied, "Do you mean to tell me that you don't speak Hebrew when I heard you speak the most fluent Hebrew I ever heard any man speak?" Father asked what he said. The Jew said you stated that "the world is as a boiling caldron, soon to be overturned by the wrath of God." This was some time before World War number one. What was this? Nothing less than the gift

of tongues at work in the Church. This is not an uncommon occurrence. Many a Spirit-filled man has been heard to speak in a language that could be understood even by men who were unsaved. But this is not the evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Paul tells us in 1 Cor. 14:2, "For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries."

The last gift mentioned is the interpretation of tongues. The word "interpret" means turning one language into another, and it is not uncommon to hear this in most every one of our churches. We hear this too often, "He or she has the gift of interpretation," when it is not his gift but belongs to the Church to edify it. Some who claim this gift feel that every time someone jumps up and speaks in tongues he must interpret same, because he is known as the official interpreter. I say, Why not let the Spirit bring the interpretation and use whom He will? Many a man who has had the right interpretation has kept silent because the official interpreter felt he must give it or the people would wonder why.

I close by saying that I hope this sermon will be accepted in the same spirit it was given. Let us try to edify the Church at all times. Paul said in 1 Cor. 10:23, "All things edify not."

Obedience to the will of God is an evidence of personal salvation. It may not be perfect, but it is sincere, so far as understood.

Scofield Bibles

Yesterday we received 10 Scofield Bibles, large print, fine leather binding, No. 197, price \$15.00; also 16, No. 183, large print Scofields, priced at \$10.00, fine binding; 13 large print, No. 83, Scofield, without concordance, priced at \$9.00. We have 3 copies of No. 761X Oxford, priced at \$7.50; 2 copies of No. 0677X Oxford, priced at \$12.50, fine leather binding; 3 copies of 03680X Oxford, fine leather binding, priced at \$13.50. We have plenty of the small Scofield Bibles priced from \$9.50 to \$14.00. We also have plenty of Holman Bibles with fine leather bindings. Plenty of the Analytical Bibles, World Bibles, Moffat Bibles, and Weymouth New Testaments.

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GOD MIGHTILY WORKS WONDERS... EVERYONE STIRRED... HOMELESS CHILDREN RESCUED

J. H. Walker, General Overseer

Rev. A. V. Childers, pastor of the Church of God at Kannapolis, N. C., received a telephone call January 10 asking him to come for two little girls who had been deserted. He went but did not find them. Tuesday the phone rang again, and a pleading voice requested his coming, stating that four ministers already had refused to do anything about them and they believed he would take the children. But another search did not reveal the whereabouts. After practically a night spent in prayer, with a big snow blanketing the country, he went again and found the place. The poor little children were nearly starved, cold, sick, eaten up with the itch; the sores had made big holes in their little bodies; their heads were filled with lice. Sister Childers combed as many as thirteen lice out with only one stroke of the comb. The dirt was caked on the little bodies until they were actually scaly. The mother, no, the woman not worthy to be called a mother, had deserted them, running away with another man. The father, a diseased, sickly man, haggard, worn, and grey-headed, believed to be sixty but who was only thirty-six, when contacted said he could do nothing for them. Brother Childers announced over the radio about the children and asked what should be done with them. One was ten, the other was only seven. Before the program was over people began to call from almost everywhere—long distance from Charlotte, Landis, Rockingham, China Grove, Salisbury, Mooresville, Statesville, many calls from Concord; in fact, everyone was stirred, and Brother Childers stated that you could not imagine how they were ready to help. Clothing came in by the auto loads, groceries and money poured in.

The following Friday one man offered his farm of seventy-six acres. Another adjoining him offered to put his in, making a tract of 300 acres. Among the numerous things given was an auto, mule, cow, two acres of city property, diamond rings, watches galore, guns, radio, bicycles and pianos. The total cash received by Sunday was \$6,000 and then went to \$7,000 within the first ten days.

A seven-acre farm, previously a grade "A" goat farm, was given, with nice new barn valued at over \$3,000.

The house is being converted into a modern, well equipped, eleven-room home that will care for thirty children. They have already forty-six applications. Rev. Sutton, a Baptist minister, and his wife, who is a graduate nurse, have volunteered to offer their services in caring for the children. The remodelling is progressing nicely, the completion anticipated within thirty days.

A prominent lady connected with the Banner Elk Orphanage has promised that just as soon as the chicken houses now in the process of being built are completed, she will give all the chickens they can use. A prominent business man, who is helping with enthusiasm, offers to supply the hogs.

The total estimate of the property value at present is over \$12,000.

Brother Childers is keeping five children in his home. I understand that Dr. Mauldin, one of the head officials of Cabarrus Hospital, is giving the children their needed vitamins. Everyone has been so kind, considerate, and helpful for, after all, what could one do with the little homeless children in such destitute condition. Surely the Lord works wonders before our eyes. He has touched the hearts of the people as only God can do. Pray that God will continue to direct in this undertaking for His glory.

B.T.S. AND COLLEGE NEWS

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faithful to the work God calls us to do and realize our Redeemer is leading us. To have been a soldier in the wars of God, under the leadership of Jesus, will of itself be honor enough to a redeemed soul.

If we are loyal to God, we will prove our loyalty to the Church. Christians should never forsake to assemble themselves together. They should be there to be a blessing to others that do not know Christ and to help those that are discouraged. We should be ready and, willing to work for the Church and to build it up for the cause of Christ. You should not only go to church, but you should support the church with your finance. If we have been purchased by the precious blood of Christ, all we are and all we have belongs to Him. It is not so much the amount we give, but the purpose with which, and to which, we devote the gift, which determines its value. Someone says, "Giving to the Lord is

but transporting our goods to a higher floor." Dr. Barrow says, "In defiance of all the torture and malice and might of the world, the liberal man will ever be rich, for God's providence is his estate, God's wisdom and power his defense, God's love and favor his reward, and God's Word his security."

The person who is honest in his dealings with his fellow men is the one who will enjoy life. In days of abounding fraud and falsehood, men begin to feel the value of simple honesty. The Earl of Chatham refused to keep a million pounds of government funds in the bank and pocket the proceeds. Christians should strengthen the foundation of honesty. By doing this we can gain the confidence of our fellow men and perhaps win them to Christ.

In your dealings with your fellow men, honesty should be given first place.

We can be friendly toward our fellow men and prove to them that we are interested in their problems. To have friends we must show ourselves friendly. Just a smile might help some weary pilgrim down life's way. Show others you are interested in them.

Digging Out the Wells of Salvation

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we had better "take heed unto the doctrine" that we might "walk worthy of the Lord" for His eye is over all.

We may fix up a little "holiness way of our own" but, oh, we must walk God's way, laying aside every weight and the sin which does so easily beset us and run with patience the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, etc. Heb. 12:1, 2. Hallelujah!

God is concerned about our doctrine. Are we? Paul told Titus, Chap. 1:2, "Speak thou the things which become sound doctrine."

"In the last days false teachers will arise and deceive many." Let us hold fast the "form of sound words." If there is anything in this great salvation, there is everything in it. Let us put our all into it and we will get more out of it.

May God bless all who read this until they will make an unconditional surrender to God. This is what our Allies demand in this awful war and it is what Jesus demands of those that follow Him, that we may be filled with all the fulness of God and be a power for Him.

REVIVALS

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OXFORD, Ohio—We closed a very successful four weeks' revival in Oxford December 19, Brother and Sister Litton in charge. We enjoyed their messages. Four were saved during their stay here and since the close of the revival five have been united with the church.

Our Sunday School has increased considerably in attendance this last quarter despite bad weather and sickness. We certainly are thankful for our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Gabbard.—Willie Parman, reporter.

BARNABUS, W. Va.—We are glad to report our revival which ran from January 12 to February 5 at the Church of God at Barnabus, W. Va., Sister Jessie Mae Rose, evangelist, and Brother G. W. Spangler, pastor.

We surely had a wonderful revival. Thirteen were saved, nine sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church.—Lorenzo Robinson.

THOMPSON'S VALLEY, Va.—Praise the Lord for an old-time, Holy-Ghost revival. One week the Holy Ghost took charge almost every night. Six were saved, three sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church. The saints were all blessed.

The revival was conducted four weeks by Brother Charles McGuire, of Danville, Va. He surely is a wonderful preacher and a fine singer, also a good altar worker. He left Thompson's Valley for Bible Training School.—Mrs. Virginia Kiser.

ATLANTA, Ga.—We have just closed a revival at the South Side Church of God here, conducted by the Holy Ghost, assisted by the writer and Rev. H. V. Fowler, pastor. Such a meeting has never been witnessed by the writer. Night after night no preaching; the Spirit would point out those who were lost or backslidden; no altar call would be made but the altar would be filled with hungry seekers. It ran from January 23 to February 13. Final results: forty-two saved, nineteen sanctified, seventeen filled with the Holy Ghost,

thirteen added to the church, three reclaimed, and one possessed with demons set free. We hope to establish a work at the Marvin Street Mission. We have had Sunday School there for some time. We have been working but want to devote all our time to the service of the Lord. Pray for us.—F. O. Carey, assistant pastor, South Side Church of God, 347 Connally St., Apt. 741.

WARRENVILLE, S. C.—I thank the Lord for the great revival we had the last of November and the first of December. God met with us in a great way. Brother Shelton Brock did some real good preaching. The revival ran four weeks. Nine were filled with the Holy Ghost and twelve came into the church. The church as a whole was built up in the Lord.

God has blessed us here at Warrenville this year with a wonderful pastor and his wife. God is blessing in many ways, for which we are thankful. The Lord willing, we will soon have Sunday School rooms under the church; they have already begun on them.

The Willing Workers' Band has raised around \$200 since the Assembly and has paid off some old debts that were hanging over the church. We praise God for all His great blessings.—Beulah E. Osbon, Box 391, Aiken, S. C.

BON AIR, Tenn.—The Lord has been blessing in every service. Seven have been saved, four sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost and the revival still going on. Pray that the Lord will still save more souls.—Rev. Othel Hickey, Rt. 1, Sparta, Tenn.

MONCLO, W. Va.—We truly thank and praise God for the two weeks' revival at the Church of God at Monclo, which was conducted by Sister Beulah E. Marrs, of Whitesville. The Lord wonderfully blessed and the power of God was in our midst each evening. Fifteen were saved, three sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water, and eight added to the church. The revival spirit is still obvious in our community. Please pray that God will

continue to bless and save precious souls here at Monclo. We also thank God for our pastor, Rev. R. E. Leadingham, and family, who have proven a blessing to our church.—Mrs. Paul Doss, clerk.

FOURMILE, Ky.—We have just closed a twelve nights' revival here with Rev. B. H. Enix doing the preaching. The church was helped and six were saved, one sanctified and seven added to the church. We surely appreciate having Brother Enix back as our district overseer this year; the people love him and his wife.

We thank the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Scoggs, of Vanceburg, Ky. Since they came we have finished the inside of our church, painted the seats and woodwork; we are also working on our orphanage and mission drive. Pray for the church here.—Edith Hendrickson, clerk.

We have just closed a very successful revival at Sanford, N. C., conducted by Brother E. W. Angle, of Gastonia, N. C. Counting backsliders, children and all, around twenty were saved, several sanctified, some filled with the Holy Ghost, and four united with the church. Brother Angle and wife are fine people, and are well able to conduct a revival, for they depend altogether on the Lord.

Brother Paulk visited and preached one week end during the revival. We were having a special service in honor of the old folks of Sanford and Lee County. His message was inspiring and greatly enjoyed by the old folks. We gave a \$25.00 war bond to the oldest person present. This was a beautiful service, and more than doubled our Sunday School attendance over the previous Sunday.

The man that received the war bond was not a member of the Church of God, but he is telling everybody what a fine church the Church of God is. Since then we have had many new people to attend our services. Pray for us at Sanford, that we will be able to do the things that God would have us do. We have some of the best people here I have ever worked with.—J. W. Moore, pastor.